Zeus ([Ancient Greek](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Greek): Ζεύς, *Zeús*) is the god of the sky, lightning and thunder in [Ancient Greek religion](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_mythology) and myth, and king of the gods on [Mount Olympus](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Olympus). Zeus is the sixth child of [Kronos](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kronos) and [Rhea](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhea_(mythology)), king and queen of the [Titans](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Titan_(mythology)). His father, Kronos, swallowed his children as soon as they were born for fear of a prophecy which foretold that one of them would overthrow him. When Zeus was born, Rhea hid him in a cave on Mount Ida in [Crete](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crete), giving Kronos a stone wrapped in swaddling clothes to swallow instead. Zeus eventually grew up and went on to free his brothers and sisters; together with their allies, the [Hekatonkheires](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hekatonkheires) and the [Elder Cyclopes](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclopes#Hesiod), Zeus and his siblings fought against the Titans in a ten-year war known as the [Titanomachy](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Titanomachy). At the end of the war, Zeus took Kronos' scythe and cut him into pieces, throwing his remains into Tartarus. He then became the king of the gods.